

AMENDMENT

It is respectfully requested that the application be amended without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the following claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents:

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B1 1. (Amended) A chaperone polypeptide having an amino acid sequence selected from at least amino acid residues 230-271 but no more than residues 150-455 or 151-456 of a GroEL sequence as shown in Figure 7, or a corresponding sequence of a substantially homologous chaperone polypeptide, or a modified, mutated or variant sequence thereof having chaperone activity.

B2 8. (Amended) Monomeric polypeptide having chaperone activity and incapable of multimerisation characterised in that in the absence of ATP the polypeptide has a protein refolding activity of more than 50%, said refolding activity being determined by contacting the polypeptide with an inactivated protein of known specific activity prior to inactivation, and then determining the specific activity of the said protein after contact with the polypeptide, the % refolding activity being:

$$\frac{\text{specific activity of protein after contact with polypeptide} \times 100}{\text{specific activity of protein prior to inactivation}} \quad 1$$